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In Re Patent Application of: Leonard E. Frey et al.

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Title: TRANSACTION METHOD : Endicott, New York 13760  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Decision on Appeal dated 12/17/2008,  
Appellants re-open prosecution by filing concurrently a RCE and  
the present preliminary amendment.